

CHOOSING A **MINOR**

While not required for graduation, a MINOR FIELD OF STUDY can be a very valuable part of a student's academic program at Manhattanville. A MINOR typically requires 5-7 courses in a particular field (about half of what the major requires), and MINORS are available in just about all departments and programs at the College, including the following: Studio Art, Art History, African Studies, American Studies, Asian Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Classics, Communication and Media, Dance/Theatre, Economics/Finance/Management, English, Environmental Studies, French, German, History, Holocaust/Genocide Studies, International Studies, Irish Studies, Italian, Latin American Studies, Mathematics, Computer Science, Music, Philosophy, Political Science/Legal Studies, Psychology, Social Justice, Sociology/Anthropology, Spanish, Women/Gender Studies and World Religions.

There are several advantages to completing an optional MINOR in addition to the required major. Here are some of them:

- A MINOR can serve to **SUPPORT** a major, providing depth of knowledge in a related area, thus making the student more attractive in terms of graduate school and more marketable with employers.
- A MINOR can serve to **DIVERSIFY** students' programs, by giving them a depth of knowledge in a field beyond their major. This opens up options, and helps prepare students for diverse careers. In today's world, where people tend to change jobs and progress through multiple careers, in-depth knowledge in only one area is an increasing liability.
- Given our increasingly global world, a MINOR in a **FOREIGN LANGUAGE** is an asset to many majors. At Manhattanville International Studies and International Management already require a language minor, but competence in languages outside of English is at a premium in almost all professional fields. Students going on to graduate school in the sciences and humanities must usually have at least one foreign language. And for Mville students studying languages at least through the intermediate level there is the possibility of studying abroad – one of the most rewarding, life-changing and career-boosting experiences available to college students. [Cf. your foreign language teacher and the Study Abroad advisor for more information. Applications for study abroad are due in the 2nd semester of the sophomore year, so plan ahead!]

For more information about choosing a MINOR, please go to the Academic Advising office, the chair of your intended major, or the chair of the department of the minor you're interested in. Majors and Minors can be declared at any time, but are usually declared in the second semester of the sophomore year, via the Undergraduate Declaration/Change of Program Form available online and in the offices of the Registrar and Academic Advising.